MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

April 2020 – The 1010th March regular meeting of the MNS was cancelled. Due to the pandemic, the April meeting and the Scout Clinic are cancelled. We look forward to resuming our meetings and activities in May or as soon as possible.

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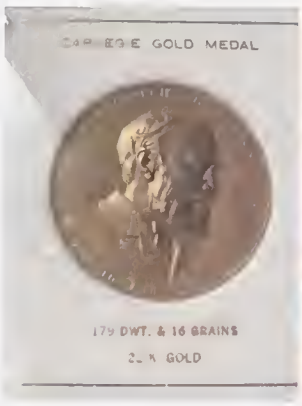
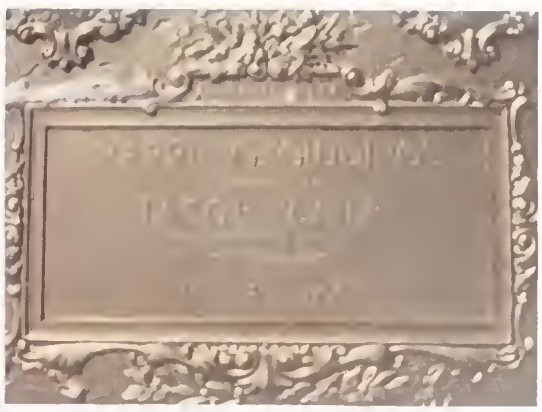
The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road). The annual MNS coin show is held in October.

April Coin of the Month: In the November 2016 issue of Milwaukee Numismatic News, we reprinted an article from the Milwaukee Journal about the gold Carnegie lifesaving medal awarded for a heroic 1906 rescue to Milwaukee Asst. Fire Chief Lawrence Hanlon. We have just learned that a second such medal awarded for the same rescue is in existence in a family collection, this one given to Fireboat Captain Harris G. Giddings. Here are images of the medal.





April 2020 MNS President's Message

What a difference a month makes. Seems like the world has gone to hell in a handbasket and all we knew and loved before will take a long time before it ever returns to something resembling normal. Society is in a state of lock-down, shows have been cancelled left and right, and the economy is in freefall. As you can see in the accompanying calendar the Central States and South Shore coin shows have both been cancelled, in addition to the MNS Scout Merit Badge Clinic. Still no word on the Wausau or Green Bay shows but it would not be surprising to see those cancelled either. Just keep checking the various club websites for the latest updates. It is going to be very strange not having the usual round of spring coin shows and meets to attend for everything else that I collect.

This may be the last newsletter the club sends out until after our next meeting, which will hopefully be on May 21. Of course we currently have an auction scheduled for that meeting but that may very well be postponed to June or July so that we can get things back into order. Please do not plan to attend a meeting in April; that has been cancelled due to the "safer at home" designation, and Mayfair Mall has been permanently closed since mid-March.

We are also going to put a hold on bringing refreshments to meetings for the foreseeable future. At this time I think this is a prudent thing to do in order to minimize any potential contamination and spread of the COVID-19 virus. This provides the membership with one less thing to worry about at this time, especially since trips to the grocery store should be minimized given all the pandemonium out there.

Hopefully everyone will use this time of isolation and cancelled appointments to focus on your collecting interests and get caught up on some much needed reading and organizing. It has been said that having a hobby in a time like this can lessen the impact and burden of this health emergency.

If you are reading this as a member that regularly attends the monthly meetings, please send me a quick e-mail to my address below so that I can build a directory of all members. This will allow us to quickly and easily communicate with everyone prior to our May meeting to notify you if it is cancelled or if it will proceed. You have my guarantee that your e-mail address will be confidential, not disclosed to anyone else, nor will you receive spam unrelated to club business.

Please stay healthy everyone, and I hope to see you all again real soon at an upcoming club meeting or coin show.

Happy Collecting,
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Schedule

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 16:	Officer Inductions
Feb 20:	"Numismatic Stories & Anecdotes" by: Andy Kimmel
March 19:	CANCELLED
April 16:	CANCELLED
May 21:	Spring Auction (to be postponed)
June 18:	OPEN
July 16:	Expanded Show and Tell
Aug 20:	OPEN
Sept 17:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 15:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Nov 19:	Autumn Auction; Election Slate
Dec 17:	Holiday Party; Officer Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2020 are $10. Please pay Leon A. at the next meeting, or they may be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events~~, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings~~. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. ~~MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60.~~ To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2020 Numismatic Events

April 17-18:	~~South Shore C C Show (12-6 PM) Four Points Sheraton (10-4 PM)~~ CANCELLED
April 18:	~~MNS Scout Merit Badge Clinic In Conjunction with SSCC Show~~ CANCELLED
April 19:	WI Valley CC-Wausau Show at Plaza Hotel (9-4 PM) 201 N. 17th Ave.
April 20-25:	~~CSNS Show in Schaumburg, IL~~ CANCELLED
April 26:	Nicolet CC Show at Green Bay Stadium View Bar & Grill (9-3 PM) 1963 Holmgren Way
Oct. 4:	MNS Coin Show at Serb Hall 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. (9-4 PM)

Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	John B.
Feb:	Tom R.
Mar:	~~Dave Hunsicker~~
Apr:	~~Jordan H.~~
May:	~~Adele & Norm V.~~
Jun:	OPEN
Jul:	OPEN
Aug:	Justin P.
Sep:	OPEN
Oct:	OPEN
Nov:	OPEN
Dec:	Holiday Party

Editorial: My plan is to keep the newsletter coming each month during the shutdown, as long as Printgraphix, our print shop, can stay in operation. Stay healthy everyone, wash your hands regularly and keep your 6-foot distance. The timely article on page 4 about dirty banknotes was submitted by member Chris Kalajian in Schererville, Indiana.--LAS

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Paper money shunned for fear of virus spread

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NEW YORK — In a world suffering a pandemic, cash is no longer king.

A growing number of businesses and individuals worldwide have stopped using banknotes in fear that physical currency, handled by tens of thousands of people over their useful life, could be a vector for the spreading coronavirus.

Public officials and health experts have said that the risk of transferring the virus person-to-person through the use of banknotes is small. But that has not stopped businesses from refusing to accept currency and some countries from urging their citizens to stop using banknotes altogether.

Open Books, a non-profit bookstore in Chicago, sent an email to customers last week asking individuals not to use cash. A chain of diners in Washington State has also stopped accepting cash. And delivery services like Grubhub, Door Dash, and others have instituted "no contact" deliveries, and have either stopped offering cash as a payment option or are actively discouraging it.

Experts say cash does carry a risk of transmitting the virus, but the risk from cash so far is small compared with other transmission routes. A scientific paper published early in the outbreak found the virus can live on cardboard for up to 24 hours and up to three days on plastic and stainless steel. The researchers, however, did not test whether it can live on banknote paper.

The presence of live virus particles on banknotes does not mean they are a health hazard, public health experts said. Virus particles are unlikely to return to the air, or aerosolize, once on a surface.

MARK LENNIHAN, FILE, ASSOCIATED PRESS

A growing number of businesses and individuals worldwide have stopped using banknotes in fear that physical currency, handled by tens of thousands of people over their useful life, could be a vector for the spreading coronavirus.

"It's not impossible that there might be traces of virus on dollar bills but if you wash your hands it should provide adequate protections, you shouldn't need anything else," said Julie Fischer, a professor at the Center for Global Health Science and Society at Georgetown University, on C-SPAN.

Other devices used to pay for items are just as likely to be vectors for disease transfer. Credit and debit cards are made of plastic and metal. ATMs are touched by hundreds of human hands a day. And there have been studies that show smartphones are heavily contaminated with bacteria because of their constant use.

Even the Federal Reserve has taken efforts to make sure the money supply is not contaminated. Banknotes that circulated in Europe and Asia are being quarantined for seven to 10 days as a "precautionary measure," according to a Federal Reserve spokesperson.

While businesses are discouraging cash usage, there have been reports of customers making large withdrawals from ATMs in several parts of the country. Some banks have had to order additional cash from the Fed or keep ATMs stocked at higher levels to allow larger customer withdrawals.

Banknote avoidance is not just happening in the U.S. In South Korea, which has been more successful in stemming the outbreak, the country's central bank took all banknotes out of circulation for two weeks or, in some cases, burned paper money.

The National Bank of Poland said Thursday on Twitter that "Polish banknotes are subjected to a quarantine" and are therefore safe to use in cash transactions. The bank did not respond to a request sent Friday for more details about how that works. But a business daily, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna, described how commercial banks send the banknotes to the National Bank of Poland, which holds them two weeks and disinfects them at temperatures of at least 150 degrees Celsius (300 Fahrenheit). After such operations, "clean" banknotes go back into circulation.

In Hungary, the central bank said that it is withdrawing billions of forints from circulation daily for two weeks, then "resting" them for a period of time that is believed to coincide with the virus' survival time.

Iran is suffering the worst outbreak of the virus in the Middle East. Using cash there is common, but in recent weeks many people have avoided it and banks have announced that they will not accept cash from customers. Iranians often have multiple debit cards but cash is widely used in small-scale transactions, like buying bread in bakeries or leaving a tip. Many people have started even being careful in how they hand over debit cards, as contactless payment methods haven't caught on there.